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CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIALCOUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORT TOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Chomutov and Troops in Zatec, Podborany and Slany. 25X1EVALUATION OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 15 April 1955REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. In the spring of 1954, an artillery unit whose soldiers wore uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets was observed at Stefanik Barracks in Chomutov (N 51/F 02), about 3 miles from the Chomutov Zastavka railroad station. A sign on the station building "Posadkova Sprava" (station administration) was also observed at this installation. Guards were frequently observed leaving the Stefanik Barracks and marching toward the 7th November Barracks to which rations were also transported. ¹

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2. The 7th November Barracks which was formerly designated Masaryk Barracks was located at the southeastern corner of 1st May Square in Chomutov, the former Markt Platz. A church adjoined this installation. It was generally known that this very old installation had been occupied by an artillery unit in the spring of 1954. Soldiers wearing khaki uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets were frequently observed leaving the installation on trucks. A total of 6 to 8 light guns without muzzle brakes were stored at the installation. The guns were towed by truck and their length estimated at 1.5 meters. The upper edge of the guns was about 1.5 meters above ground level. The weapons, sources of information, included some motorcyclists and jeeps. Guns which were only observed and were the same model as the guns observed at the other installation, were also seen in the area of the Stefanik Barracks. During the summer months, the troops quartered in the two installations were absent from their stations. In March 1954, the troops quartered in the 7th November Barracks were reinforced by recruits who numbered about three companies. ¹

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3. the "Zatecka" screw factory in Zatec produced the tank unit which was located in the station area. ¹

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4. In the spring of 1954, up to 12 parked tanks were frequently observed in the area of the barracks installation about 300 meters west of the Podborany (N 51/L 09) railroad station where 2 or 3 crane trucks were also observed. The asphalt street in front of the installation was damaged by caterpillar tracks. Heavy traffic of military motorcyclists was constantly observed on the road between the stations of Podborany and Zatec.
5. In the spring of 1954, some armored vehicles on which soldiers wearing overalls were seen working were also observed in a factory building on the southern perimeter of Slany (N 51/F 50) on the southeast side of the Smecno (N 51/L 49) road and about 100 to 150 meters distant from the road. Tanks were allegedly repaired in the area of this factory.
1. Comment. The observations confirm the original belief that artillery units, probably army artillery units, are located in these barracks installations. It is believed that the report of the fall of 1953 which mentioned infantry units in the installations is incorrect. 25X1
2. Comment. The 21st (?) Tank SP Regt of the 5th Mech Div is known to be in Slany. 25X1
3. Comment. The installation is probably occupied by a tank unit or the reconnaissance battalion of the 5th Mech Div, possibly also by the tank SP regiment of the 12th Mdz Rifle Div which is stationed at Karlovy Vary. 25X1
4. Comment. The headquarters of the 5th Mech Div is known to be in Slany. 25X1

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